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SUBJECT: SEPT. 13 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. JEROME GROSSMAN, BOSTON RADIO COMMENTATOR, IN ARTICLE  
PUBLISHED IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR SEPT. 13, SAID  
SOVIETS HAVE REQUESTED REVIEW OF 1972 ABM TREATY. GROSS-  
MAN, WHO REPRESENTS MASSACHUSETTS ON DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL  
COMMITTEE, SAID "SPECULATION IS THAT USSR WILL ASK FOR  
AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR ABM DEFENSE AGAINST SMALL BUT  
GROWING CHINESE MISSILE FORCE.... MORE LIKELY EXPLANATION  
IS THAT RUSSIANS WILL ASK FOR EXPANDED ABM CAPACITY TO  
COUNTER THREAT OF NEW AMERICAN CRUISE MISSILE.... RUSSIANS  
CONSIDER IT FOURTH AMERICAN STRATEGIC WEAPON AND WISH TO  
LIMIT NUMBER DEPLOYED. WHILE AMERICAN CRUISE MISSILES WILL  
BE BATTLE READY IN ABOUT TWO YEARS, SOVIETS ARE WAY BEHIND  
IN DEVELOPMENT AND THEN DEPLOYMENT MIGHT BE TEN YEARS  
AWAY.... IF RUSSIANS SEEK TO REWRITE TREATY TO PROVIDE FOR  
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ABM EXPANSION IT WILL BE SERIOUS BLOW TO ARMS CONTROL PRO-  
CEDURES NOW IN EFFECT. NEW ABMS TO COUNTER CRUISE MISSILES  
COULD POSSIBLY BE EXPANDED TO DEFEND AGAINST TARGET MIS-  
SILES AND STABILITY OF MUTUAL DESTRUCTION SYSTEM WILL BE  
GREATLY WEAKENED IF NOT DESTROYED. IT MAY TURN OUT THAT  
ONLY WAY FOR U.S. TO SAVE ABM TREATY WILL BE TO CANCEL  
DEPLOYMENT OF CRUISE MISSILE."

2. NEW YORK TIMES PUBLISHED REUTERS DISPATCH FROM PEKING REPORTING THAT CHINA HAS OFFICIALLY DISCLOSED THAT IT HAS TESTED GUIDED MISSILES WITH NUCLEAR WARHEADS. DATE OF TESTS OR RANGE OF MISSILES WERE NOT DISCLOSED.

3. WASHINGTON POST, IN EDITORIAL, SAID HEAD-COUNTERS EXPECT ADMINISTRATION TO WIN HANDILY IF CONGRESS CHALLENGES PRESIDENT CARTER ON SALE OF AWACS TO IRAN. "BUT WE STILL DON'T LIKE AWACS DEAL," POST DECLARED. "THERE ARE GOOD POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REASONS FOR U.S. TO MAINTAIN ITS FRIENDSHIP WITH IRAN. NONETHELESS, SALE INTRODUCES AN EROTIC AND POSSIBLY PROVOCATIVE TECHNOLOGY INTO VOLATILE REGION.... SALE IS, ON WHOLE, AN EMBARRASSMENT TO MR. CARTER'S PROFESSED INTENTION TO REDUCE AMERICAN ROLE AS LEADING ARMS MERCHANT IN WORLD."

4. RICHARD O'LONE, IN SEPT. 5 AVIATION WEEK AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY, SAID BOEING HAS SUGGESTED TO AIR FORCE IT COULD MODIFY ITS 747 AIRCRAFT AS PLATFORM FOR AIR FORCE AND NAVY VERSIONS OF AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES. IF PROGRAM GO-AHEAD WERE TO COME WITHIN FEW WEEKS, BOEING SAID 747 COULD BE MODIFIED AND READY FOR DUMMY LAUNCHES IN ABOUT ELEVEN MONTHS. IF THIS SCHEDULE IS FOLLOWED, DUMMY LAUNCHES COULD BE MADE IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER OF 1978, FOLLOWED BY LIVE LAUNCHES IN MARCH, 1979. BOEING UNCLASSIFIED

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SAID MODIFIED 747 COULD HOLD MAXIMUM OF 70 TO 90 MISSILES. IT COULD CARRY THIS LOAD OUT TO 1,500 NAUTICAL MILES, HOLD FOR TWO HOURS AND THEN EITHER LAUNCH OR NOT LAUNCH AND RETURN TO BASE. IT COULD PERFORM SAME MISSION WITH HALF-LOAD OF MISSILES OUT TO 2,500 NAUTICAL MILES. BOEING SAID 707 COULD ACCOMMODATE 24 TO 32 MISSILES ON 1,500 NAUTICAL MILE MISSION.

5. HENRY BRANDON, WRITING IN SEPT. 4 LONDON SUNDAY TIMES, SAID MEDIUM-RANGE CRUISE MISSILES COULD PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN EUROPE AND THAT WEST GERMANY, FRANCE AND BRITAIN DO NOT WANT U.S. TO CLOSE OFF ANY OPTIONS DURING SALT NEGOTIATIONS THAT COULD AFFECT THEIR INTEREST IN CRUISE MISSILE DEVELOPMENT. BRANDON SAID RUSSIANS 'ARE WORRIED, ABOVE ALL, BY MEDIUM-RANGE GROUND-LAUNCHED CRUISE BECAUSE IT COULD HIT TARGETS IN SOVIET UNION FROM WEST GERMANY.' BRANDON SAID "THERE ARE SHARP DISAGREEMENTS INSIDE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ON HOW IMPORTANT NEW SALT AGREEMENT WOULD REALLY BE -- ANOTHER REASON FOR VANCE-GROMYKO POSTPONEMENT. SALT AGREEMENTS ARE LIKELY TO BECOME LESS EFFECTIVE IN CONTROLLING ARMS BECAUSE THEY CANNOT KEEP PACE WITH TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE. POLITICALLY, THOUGH, THEY ARE STILL CON-

SIDERED IMPORTANT AS BAROMETER OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS  
FAILURE TO COME FORWARD WITH THEIR OWN PROPOSALS. BUT

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT AMERICANS ARE STILL CONVINCED THAT  
THEY CAN TAKE CARE OF EUROPEAN INTERESTS IN SALT TALKS....  
MAJOR SNAG THAT HAS RECENTLY DEVELOPED IN SALT NEGOTIATIONS  
IS RUSSIAN DEMAND THAT U.S. MUST NOT TRANSFER EITHER  
CRUISE WEAPONS OR WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY TO ALLIES. IN PAST,  
AMERICANS HAVE SUPPLIED BRITAIN WITH ADVANCED WEAPONS AND  
KNOW-HOW -- FOR INSTANCE, TO ESTABLISH BRITAIN'S POLARIS  
FLEET." VANCE

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